

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
**April 15, 2016**

**The City of Clewiston would like to acknowledge April 10-16, 2016 as National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week. We've got a great department looking out for our furry friends throughout the City and Eastern Hendry County.**

**We are currently accepting applications for lifeguards and counselors for summer camp. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Stop by City Hall for an application.**

**Dates to Remember**

April 18, 2016 – City Commission Meeting

April 21, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

May 2, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

May 9, 2016 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:**

- The Best Western hotel is getting a facelift. Therma Seal Roof Systems of West Palm Beach is removing all of the fascia and shingles and installing a blue metal roof;
- Florida Community Health Centers has finished phase 1 of their remodel. They have remodeled and expanded their dental suites and added new equipment. We are waiting for the plans to be submitted for Phase 2, an addition to the rear of the existing building;
- The Clewiston Fire Department responded to a structure fire and provided mutual aid to Glades County. The Glades Inn is a total loss. The cause of the fire appears to be suspicious and is under investigation with the State Fire Marshal.

**Debbie McNeil – Community Improvement Division reports:**

- I have responded to various citizens' complaints, including but not all inclusive, public nuisance buildings, lawn maintenance including hedge height, signage, business tax receipt, commercial maintenance and trash management.
- Operation Show Your Numbers is in full force and will continue throughout the City until compliance of commercial and residential structures is achieved. Thank you to Ricardo Martinez and the utilities crew who have been very helpful with this operation thus far.
- Our next scheduled Magistrate Hearing is on June 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the City Commission Chambers.
- 9 new code cases were generated, 15 code cases resolved, 2 referred out and 6 rental inspections completed.

**New Code Review:**

On March 21, 2016 the following amendment to Article VI, Chapter 110 was passed and adopted by City of Clewiston Commission.

**Article VI, Chapter 110 amended.** Article VI, Chapter 110 of the Code of Ordinances, entitled “Supplementary District Regulations” is hereby amended.

This is only portions of the full amended ordinance:

- d) **Shutters, storm panels and storm rollups** shall meet the following design standards:
  - 1) Permanently installed shutters:
    - a) Shutters shall be painted to match either the principle color or the trim color of the structure to which they are attached.
    - b) Permanently installed hardware for storm panels and storm rollups shall be painted to match the principle color or the trim color of the structure to which is attached, according to which will make such hardware the least noticeable.
    - c) No permanently installed plywood panels are permitted.
  - 2) Storm shutters and panels which are not permanently installed shall meet the following utilization standards:
    - a) They may be put in place or closed not more than seventy-two (72) hours before and seventy-two (72) hours after a storm event;
    - b) They may be put in place or closed for two (2) periods of up to fifteen (15) days each between June 1 and November 30 (the hurricane season) when the owner is absent; and
    - c) They may be put in place on rear windows during any period of time.
- e) **Outside Areas.**
  - 1) Mechanical equipment shall be installed in a side or rear yard. When installed in side yard, such mechanical equipment shall be located no closer than five (5) feet to the front facade of the structure.
  - 2) Clotheslines shall be installed in locations which shall not be conspicuous from the public streets or from adjoining properties. Fences, patio or porch railings may not be used as clotheslines. Clotheslines must not be higher than six (6) feet or twenty (20) feet in length. Fences or walls for the enclosure of clothes drying areas may be erected to a maximum height of six feet; provided, however, such construction is in compliance with zoning regulations as to location on the property, the size of the area to be enclosed, and the height of the fence or wall.
  - 3) No person shall place, use, keep, store, or maintain any upholstered furniture not manufactured for outdoor use, including, without limitation, upholstered chairs, upholstered couches, and any mattresses on any open porch, yard, or exterior area of structures. For purposes of this section, the interior of any fully enclosed porch, including, without limitation, a porch enclosed by screening material, that cannot

be accessed from outside except through a door that can be locked shall not be considered an open porch. This section shall not apply during a lawful yard sale or garage sale while such furniture is offered for sale; nor shall it apply while such furniture is otherwise lawfully held for garbage collection at the curbside or other such area designated by the City for such pick-up.

**For a copy of the full Ordinance No. 2016-01 please stop by or contact our office at 863-983-1454**

If you have any questions you may contact the Community Improvement Division at 141 Central Avenue, Clewiston Utilities Building. The public is encouraged to report code violations by contacting us at the above address or 983-1454.

Join us in our dedication to fight the blight in America's Sweetest Town.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org). Your library truly has a lot to offer.**

**Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:**

- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Golf lessons are available, contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- Greens were verticut, top-dressed and fertilized this week.
- Clewiston Golf Course had the Annual Spring Horse Race on April 8, 2016. Sam Todd won the A Group and Jude Kurtz won the B Group. Congratulations!!!
- Moore Haven Terrier Boosters Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 16, 2016. The golf course will be closed that day until 2:00 pm for regular play.
- A Glow Ball Tournament is scheduled for April 22, 2016. You can sign-up by calling 863-983-1448.
- Clewiston First Tee Junior Golf Clinic is scheduled for April 23, 2016. Full swing is our lesson and **Honesty** is our life skill. The clinic is from 4pm-5pm.
- Thank you Mr. Miller Couse for mowing the high rough.
- Thank you Mr. Morris Ridgdill for donating the flags for the golf course.
- **Responsibilities we have as golfers when we play golf:** 1) Replacing or sanding our divots; 2) Raking sand traps after we exit them; 3) Repairing our pitch marks on the green; 4) Keeping our golf carts behind the white lines; and 5) Letting faster players through.

**Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:**

- Baseball and Softball teams are practicing all over town. Please be aware of the kids...Please SHARE!
- Negotiations are continuing to host a 2017 Spring Break Baseball Tournament next year at Sugarland Sports Complex with 8 teams (JV and Varsity) from around the area and the City of Clewiston will be hosting the TC Williams High School (Remember the Titans)

teams from Alexandria, Virginia during the tournament week. Staff is currently working with VHSA/ACPSD and FHSAA regarding eligibility and criteria.

- Ballfield crews have finished setting goals and nets for the COPA UNIVISION Soccer Tournament beginning April 16<sup>th</sup> at Sugarland Sports Complex. 6 age group divisions and a minimum of 24 teams from around the state will participate in this year's tournament.
- Staff continues working to develop budgets, staffing patterns and schedules for summer activities.
- Staff has begun preparing the C.S. Mott Pool for HCHD/DEP Inspections. Preparations should be completed this weekend.
- Staff will begin preparing the James Mason Pool for HCHD/DEP Inspections and summer activities next week.
- SR. NIGHT for CHS Baseball vs. Moore Haven is April 15<sup>th</sup> (JV @ 4:30pm & Varsity @ 7pm) on Stalls Field (Field #1) at Sugarland Sports Complex... Come out and thank these graduating seniors on their contribution to the program and positive representation to our community! GO TIGERS!
- CHS Boys Baseball travels to Lincoln Park on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> round action in the FHSAA 5A District 13 Baseball Tournament... GO TIGERS!
- Sugarland Sports Complex will host the FHSAA 5A District 13 Boys Baseball Championship Game at Stalls Field (Field #1) on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> - SR. NIGHT for CHS Boys Baseball 6pm Sugarland Sports Complex Field #1 (Stalls Field)
  - Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> – COPA UNIVISION Soccer Tournament 8am Sugarland Sports Complex
  - Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> – Baby Shower 2-6pm Youth Center
  - Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Decorating for CHS Prom John Boy Auditorium
  - Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> – FHSAA 5A District 13 Boys Baseball Championship Game 7pm Sugarland Sports Complex Field #1 (Stalls Field)
- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed dodgeball league, summer co-ed softball league, Summer K-5<sup>th</sup> AAU Track and Field, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- Please visit [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

#### **Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: ZIKA is still making the news. Hendry County has no confirmed case yet but it appears to be a matter of time. City is trapping Monday and Thursday. The contractor is trapping on Wednesday. We are scheduled for Ground ULV treatments on Tuesdays and Fridays. City trap counts are as follows: Okeechobee Blvd: 253; Backyard trap on East Del Monte: 157; and Harlem: 149.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff worked on and built a decorative rock formation at the Golf Course this week. (2) Broken sidewalk on Hoover Dike Road was repaired. (3)

Three small bank erosion problems were taken care of on the south side of the Boat Basin this week.

- Pasadena Drainage & Paving Project: More driveway aprons were poured this week.
- Paving Project: The City Engineer and Public Works Director met again this week to discuss and do an onsite review of the “three phases” of this year’s paving project: (1) Overlay of streets that require no additional work; (2) Milling and paving at two locations where the road and base have failed; and (3) Parking lot maintenance on the west lot at the Boat Basin.
- Building Maintenance: The contractor has started stripping and power washing the Firehouse.

#### **Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- We held Sergeants Promotional Exams for two openings during the month of February. Officer Nick Williams scored very high on both the written and interview portions. Sgt. Williams will be appointed to his new rank next week. The second available slot is still being vetted.
- Six of our ten new police vehicles have been delivered and are on patrol. We are very pleased with their appearance and functionality. The remaining four are expected to arrive next week. Many thanks to our City Residents and our Commission for supporting our great need.
- The season appears to be winding down and with it comes the annual scourge of public drunk. The troops are doing a great job of intercepting as many as possible and getting them off our streets.....for EVERYONE’S safety.
- We are concerned with the growing incidence of Methamphetamine. Patrol is doing an excellent job detecting and confiscating it, but the fact that it is becoming more commonplace raises concerns. Be assured we will remain on top of this.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:  
**1332** Commercial / Residential Security Checks  
**630** Complaints Investigated  
**27** Traffic Citations  
**33** Arrests Made  
**62** Merchant Escorts Provided  
**16** Alarms Responded To  
**2** City Ordinance Violations  
**4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

#### **Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom or the City’s website page [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov). You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.

- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!**  
Visit our office today.
- **ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE** on our web site at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl](http://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl).

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS:** Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) **Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.**
- 2) **Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.**
- 3) **Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.**

**If you feel you have been a victim of this scam please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.**